

April 20, 2010

**WAYNE, PA—** On Monday, April 19, 2010 Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) joined nearly 300 students, parents, and teachers at the Wayne Art Center to celebrate the 2010 7th Congressional District Art Competition. An expert panel of professional artists and art enthusiasts evaluated nearly 80 pieces of student artwork from 18 area high schools and selected a winner and honorable mentions in seven categories. Dylan Kepp, a senior at The Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, earned “Best in Show” at the district competition. Mr. Kepp and a guest will be flown by Southwest Airlines to Washington, D.C. to attend a ceremony honoring winners from across the country in June. He also received 4 free passes to the Philadelphia Museum of Art’s current exhibit, Picasso and the Avant-Garde in Paris. Mr. Kepp’s winning self portrait will be professionally framed free of charge by Mr. Brad Montgomery of Montgomery Galleries and will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

“I am inspired by the talent on display here tonight,” said Congressman Sestak. “Art has always been a reflection of our culture and society’s spirit and a source of inspiration and strength. As John F. Kennedy suggested when he said, ‘I look forward to an America which will reward achievement in the arts as we reward achievement in business or statecraft. I look forward to an America which will steadily raise the standards of artistic accomplishment and which will steadily enlarge cultural opportunities for all of our citizens,’ now more than ever, we need to ensure the arts are priority in our federal, state, and school budgets.”

### 2010 7th Congressional District Art Competition Winners

#### Best in Show

Artist’s Name: Dylan Kepp  
Title of Work: Self Portrait  
School: Episcopal Academy

#### Computer Generated Art

First Place:  
Artist’s Name: Andrew Yaros  
Title of Work: Forbidden Planet  
School: Strath Haven High School

#### Honorable Mention:

Artist’s Name: Amy Amadio  
Title of Work: Symmetry in Primaries  
School: Upper Darby High School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Sharon Park

Title of Work: Optimism

School: Bayard Rustin High School

**Drawing**

First Place:

Artist's Name: Jephte Jean- Charles

Title of Work: Focused

School: Penn Wood Senior High School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Sukyoung (Sarah) Yoon

Title of Work: Clams

School: Radnor High School

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Artist's Name: Ben Yeager

Title of Work: Microbiology

School: Radnor High School

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Artist's Name: Alexis Young

Title of Work: Self Portrait

School: Conestoga High School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Erin Chan

Title of Work: Door Knob Reflection

School: Chichester High School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Maria McLaughlin

Title of Work: Swarm

School: Upper Darby High School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Jillian McGlennen

Title of Work: Reflective Objects

School: Radnor High School

**Painting**

First Place:

Artist's Name: Madeline Smith

Title of Work: His Wings Are Clipped and His Feet Are Tied

School: Bayard Rustin High School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Bryan Deprospero

Title of Work: Boathouse Blues

School: Upper Darby High School

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Artist's Name: Jessica Jahnle

Title of Work: Self Portrait

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Artist's Name: Ann Emily Rea

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Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Lok Leong

Title of Work: My Mind Bleeds for Those...

School: Penncrest High School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Jayna Anderson

Title of Work: Self Portrait

School: Penncrest

### **Mixed Media**

First Place:

Artist's Name: Dan Dickheiser

Title of Work: Self Portrait

School: Garnet Valley High School

First Place:

Artist's Name: Katie Lauren Ross

Title of Work: Self Portrait

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Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Soo Yeon Kim

Title of Work: Tiger

School: Penncrest High School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Catalina Lessen

Title of Work: My Journey Through Music

School: Bayard Rustin High School

## **Photography**

First Place:

Artist's Name: Monica Budzilowicz

Title of Work: Dome

School: The Woodlynde School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Jake Kenney

Title of Work: Venice, July 2009

School: Garnet Valley High School

Honorable Mention:

Artist's Name: Brynne Travis

Title of Work: Heart of Petals

School: Plymouth Whitemarsh High School

## **Printmaking**

First Place:

Artist's Name: Grace Wensel

Title of Work: Untitled

School: Penncrest High School

First Place:

Artist's Name: Quynh Le Nguyen

Title of Work: The Castle

School: Penncrest High School

## **Judges for the 2010 Art Competition:**

### **Mr. Bill Valerio, Assistant Director, Philadelphia Museum of Art**

Bill Valerio is Assistant Director for Administration at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Having completed his PhD in art history at Yale University in 1996, he became Curator at the Queens Museum in New York in 1997. He organized many exhibitions across a range of modern and contemporary subjects, some international in scope, and has written for numerous publications, including Art in America. He completed his MBA at Wharton in 2004, and started working in the administration of the Philadelphia Museum of Art that year, with responsibilities that range across a variety of operational departments and government affairs.

### **Ms. Anne Vaughan, Esq. District Representative, Congressman Joe Sestak**

Anne Vaughan is an attorney who worked for many years with Legal Services Programs, serving the legal needs of indigents in accessing public assistance programs. She was a volunteer guide at the Philadelphia Museum of Art for 10 years before joining Congressman Joe Sestak's District Office Staff in 2007. She is an accomplished painter and has been a life-long enthusiast and scholar of art.

## **About the Wayne Arts Center**

Established in 1930 and the first art center on the Main Line, the Wayne Arts Center provides the following: Instruction in all phases of fine arts, selective crafts, music and drama with particular attention to the visual arts; exhibitions, performances and special events for artists and crafts people of the greater Main Line Area; outreach instructional programs for persons with special needs; and a gathering place for artists to share and lend support for improving the cultural climate.

Each year more than 4,000 students register for more than 400 classes and workshops and more than 1,500 children enroll in the Center's Summer Art Camp. The Center services students from the Greater Main Line Area including Delaware, Chester and Montgomery Counties. In addition, the Center's two galleries present 10-12 exhibitions each year, highlighting the work of local, regional and national artists. The adjoining Gallery Shop provides a venue in which artist can sell their work and community members can purchase unique crafts. Wayne Art Center also hosts Craft Forms, a national juried exhibition dedicated to enhancing the public's awareness of contemporary crafts.

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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